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My Little Pony
Friendship is Magic

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WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

Once upon a time in Equestria, Celestia, Princess of the Sun, chose a very talented young pony to become her star pupil. That student was named Twilight Sparkle. Celestia asked Twilight to travel to the town of Ponyville to help prepare the Summer Sun Celebration, but more importantly, to make friends. Soon Twilight had befriended Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, and Pinkie Pie. This group would go on to have many adventures, become best friends, and Twilight would become a Princess herself.

But imagine an Equestria where Celestia chose somepony else to be her star pupil. Somepony a bit more... self-involved. What fate would then be in store for Ponyville?

I SEE ONE OF MY STUDENTS HAS PASSED THE FINAL EXAM. LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK.

WE HAVE A LOT OF PROMISING STUDENTS THIS YEAR.

INDEED. THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR, "TWILIGHT SPARKLE," WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT PROTÉGÉ.

HER RAW MAGICAL ABILITY IS ASTONISHING. SHE'D BE IN GOOD HOOVES WITH ANY OF THE TEACHERS HERE.

I'M SORRY!

...BUT I WONDER, MAYBE I SHOULD CHOOSE A STUDENT WHO NEEDS A BIT MORE HELP THIS YEAR?

OH, SWEET SUNSPOTS, NOT THAT ONE.

LIKE HIM.

/POP!

NONSENSE. HE'S STRUGGLING AND I ***KNOW*** HE'S PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DOING THE WORK. HE JUST NEEDS SOME GUIDANCE.

...AND A PERSONALITY OVERHAUL.

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PRINCE BLUEBLOOD, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR EXAM.

I DON'T REALLY ***FEEL*** LIKE IT TODAY.

POKE POKE

YOU KNOW, LET'S NOT AND SAY WE DID! LET'S JUST... WRITE DOWN THAT I DID IT ***PERFECTLY***... AND GO GET A LATTE INSTEAD. GOOD PLAN, RIGHT?

YOU NEED TO ***PROVE*** YOU CAN MAGICALLY ALTER THE EGG BEFORE WE CAN MOVE YOU UP NEXT SEMESTER. ***HEY!*** DON'T WRITE ON THERE!

PRINCESS CELESTIA! OH, UM, HELLO, WE WERE JUST... EXAMINING...

AND I WAS DOING ***GREAT***. REALLY, JUST SEE THIS NOTE RIIIIIGHT HERE.

PRINCE BLUEBLOOD, A WORD?

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT YOU'RE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CURRICULUM AND THE... SOCIAL NICETIES... EXPECTED OF OUR STUDENTS. I THINK YOU COULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM SOME EXTRA TUTORING TO HELP TURN YOU INTO A SHINING EXAMPLE OF JUST WHAT THIS SCHOOL CAN DO!

THAT SOUNDS AN AWFUL LOT LIKE YOU WANT ME TO DO MORE WORK...

...I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU MY PERSONAL PROTÉGÉ HERE AT THE SCHOOL!

WHAT?

WELL, THAT IS JUST A TERRIBLE IDEA.

MY LITTLE PONY, MY LITTLE PONY

AHH, AHH, AHH, AHHH....

I USED TO WONDER WHAT FRIENDSHIP COULD BE

UNTIL I FOUND A MIRROR and FOUND IT WAS MEEEE!

BORING LECTURES

FRIENDSHIP IS?

LOVED BY NONE!

...wait, what?

I AM A WORK OF AAAART

STAR OF THIS SONG!

...but I digress

IT'S AN EASY FEAT

AND MAGIC HELPS ME BE ELITE!

YOU HAVE MY LITTLE PONIES

Do YOU KNOW YOU'RE...

IN MY WAY.

SERIOUSLY!

BACK UP!

MY LITTLE PONY

MY LITTLE PONY

MY LITTLE PONY...ME!

LATER.

WHY, PRINCE BLUEBLOOD... WHAT A CHANGE FOR YOU TO BE THIS RILED UP SO EARLY IN THE DAY.

UGH. IT'S YOUR FAULT. DO YOU ***KNOW*** WHAT YOU'VE PUT ON MY AGENDA FOR TODAY?

WELL, I DID WRITE IT... ***PERSONALLY***... FOR YOU, SO I DO. YOU'RE WELCOME, BY THE WAY.

YOU HAVE ME ***OUTSIDE*** FOR THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON. THAT MUCH SUN IS ***NOT*** GOOD FOR THE DELICATE SKIN ON MY SNOUT. AND WOULD IT KILL SOMEONE TO PAVE OVER THE GARDEN PATHS? GRASS STAINS ON HOOVES ARE SO... BLECH.

...AND FRIDAY YOU HAVE THE SUMMER SUN CELEBRATION AND YOU CHOSE TO HAVE IT IN PONYVILLE? YOU EXPECT ME TO PACK FOR ***THAT*** ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE? AND WHAT DOES ONE WEAR TO AN EVENT IN ***PONYVILLE?*** CASUAL KHAKI? IT'S NOT A GOOD COLOR FOR ME.

PONYVILLE...

YOU ARE ***SO RIGHT.*** THIS LIST IS...WRONG. AWFUL...FORGET ABOUT IT.

THANK YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO TODAY? SPA DAY. I MEAN, I WORK ***SO HARD.***

Crumple Crumple

I TOTALLY FORGOT I NEED YOU IN PONYVILLE. NOW. TODAY. IMMEDIATELY... SO YOU CAN OVERSEE THE CELEBRATION'S PLANNING.

BUT... SPA?

ACTUALLY, A TRIP TO PONYVILLE WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU! LOTS OF VERY NICE PONIES. IT'S A LOVELY LITTLE TOWN. ***OOH.*** MAKE SOME FRIENDS! NEW, ***POSITIVE INFLUENCES*** ARE JUST WHAT YOU NEED! ***STAY A WHILE***. I EXPECT A FULL REPORT ON CELEBRATION... STUFF AND... FRIENDSHIP!

BUT I CAN'T GO WITHOUT MY PH-BALANCED SHAMPOO! AND ***BUNNY!***

SLAM!

HMPF. WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?

NO IDEA, NOW OFF YOU GO!

MUCH LATER.

OH, BUNNY, THIS IS JUST RIDICULOUS. SHE HAS US STAYING IN A LIBRARY. DO THEY NOT HAVE ***HOTELS*** IN THIS TOWN?

"MAKE A FRIEND," PFFT. AND WHAT'S THIS ABOUT READING A BOOK WHILE I'M THERE? SHE WANTS ME TO ***STUDY***? UGH, THAT IS SO LIKE HER.

ELEMENTS OF HARMONY

OH! IT HAS PICTURES!

OH, ***EDUCATIONAL*** PICTURES. PASS.

HEY, YOU. GUARD GUY. I'M BORED.

WE'VE BEEN IN THE AIR EIGHT MINUTES, SIR.

OOOH! LET'S GO TO MANEHATTAN FIRST SO I CAN GET MORE SHAMPOO... AND SOME TAPAS.

THAT WILL ADD ***HOURS*** TO THE TRIP! MY WINGS CAN'T TAKE IT!

A LITTLE WING CRAMP NEVER HURT ANYONE.

IF WE CAN'T FLY WE ***PLUMMET.***

PFFT.

MUCH, MUCH LATER...

NOW BE GOOD LADS AND PUT MY BAGS IN... THAT... TREE THING.

WE AREN'T ***BELLHOPS*** YOU...

SHH. DO IT AND THEN WE CAN ***LEAVE.***

AND WHERE'S MY ROYAL WELCOME? THERE SHOULD BE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE. THERE IS A DEFINITE LACK OF POMP.

A WELCOMER! THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!

YOU THERE! THANK GOODNESS.

HELLO, FARM... PONY. NICE, ER, HAT. TELL ME, DO YOU KNOW WHERE I COULD GET SOME BUBBLE TEA? I'M RATHER PARCHED AND—

BUBBLE WHAT? NEVERMIND. I JUST SAW THE CANTERLOT GUARDS DROP YOU OFF. DID THE PRINCESS SEND YOU? WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN OUT A CALL FOR HELP BUT SHE MUST'VE SEEN THIS COMING! THE MOON JUST... CHANGED! AND NOW THERE'S THIS CRAZY P—

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I AM PRINCE BLUEBLOOD, PRINCESS CELESTIA'S ***PERSONAL*** STUDENT. THOUGH I LIKE TO THINK OF IT MORE AS ***ME*** TEACHING HER, YOU KNOW? SHE SENT ME HERE TO GUIDE YOUR TOWN IN THIS TIME OF NEED.

WELL, WE DEFINITELY HAVE A NEED. WE'RE BEING OVERRUN!

WITH WHAT? DETAILS? WELL, THAT'S SIMPLE ENOUGH, WE'LL JUST MAKE A CHECKLIST. YOU DO HAVE PAPER OUT THIS WAY, CORRECT? OR ARE WE STILL HAMMERING MARKINGS INTO STONE OUT HERE?

...

I'M TALKING ABOUT *THAT.*

OH MY.

I AM *NIGHTMARE MOON*, AND I AM HERE TO TAKE AWAY YOUR TIME IN THE SUN!

SO... IS THIS, LIKE, A PERFORMANCE PIECE? I DON'T KNOW HOW WELL IT'S GOING TO GO OVER FOR THE SUMMER SUN CELEBRATION. THE CHOREOGRAPHY IS TERRIBLE.

LIST

SUMMER SUN CELEBRATION?! WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT! SOME MAGICAL MANIAC MOON MARE IS TERRORIZING THE TOWN!

WELL, THAT IS... THAT IS UNFORTUNATE.

ANSWER ME STRAIGHT, BUCKAROO. ARE YOU JUST SOME POMPOUS CANTERLOT FELLA HERE FOR THAT SUMMER SUN SHINDIG? OR WERE YOU SENT HERE TO HELP US WITH *THIS*? WE NEED *REAL HELP.*

PFFT. WHAT? I WAS TOTALLY SENT HERE TO HELP... WITH THAT. I'M CELESTIA'S RIGHT-HOOF STALLION, AFTER ALL. I CAN DEAL WITH... PRETTY, SPARKLY PONY MONSTERS. COME ON.

HOLD BUNNY. I CAN HANDLE THIS... THIS IS A CHANCE FOR DIPLOMACY! THAT'S MY ***STRENGTH.***

...RIIIIGHT.

SUBJECTS! REMEMBER THIS DAY... FOR IT WAS YOUR ***LAST*** IN THE LIGHT OF THE SUN! FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, YOU LIVE IN THE DARKNESS OF THE ***NIGHT!***

AH-HEM! MISS SCARY PONY! OVER HERE!

...

LISTEN, SWEEHEART, I GET IT. YOU LIKE THE DARK. IT'S GREAT FOR HIDING FLAWS... BUT I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE TO INSIST YOU LEAVE THE SUN AND THE MOON STUFF TO THE ADULTS, ALRIGHT? NOW BE A PEACH AND GET ME A BUBBLE TEA.

THAT IS NOT DIPLOMACY!

WHACK

INSOLENT PIG.

WHAT WAS ***THAT?*** YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT BE A COLOSSAL ***JERK.***

YEAH... THAT USUALLY WORKS FOR ME. HUH.

THE ONLY THING THAT COULD POSSIBLY DEFEAT ME ARE THE MAGICAL ARTIFACTS THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY, AND THEY ARE ***LONG GONE.***

ELEMENTS OF HARMONY! THERE'S OUR STARTING POINT... LET'S RUN WHILE WE STILL CAN! WE NEED TO FIND THEM.

ELEMENTS OF WHAT? NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A REAL THING. SHE'S GOTTA BE MAKING THEM UP AS A DISTRACTION.... BUT I THINK I'VE GOT A PLAN.

READ ME

ELEMENTS OF HARMONY

CITIZENRY, COME BACK HERE AND ADORE ME.
OKAY, BLUEBLOOD, TELL ME HOW I CAN HELP.
ALRIGHT, LET'S DO THIS.
HERE'S EVERYTHING I'M GOING TO NEED...
SPARKLING CIDER
ALRIGHT. ARE WE READY TO GO DEFEAT THIS NIGHTMARE PONY?
OH, THAT? ARE WE STILL ON THAT? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS SCARF? IS IT TOO WARM FOR CASHMERE? OH, WHO I AM KIDDING, IT'S ALWAYS WEATHER FOR CASHMERE.
HANDSOME STALLION
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ARE WE STILL ON THAT"? WE WERE NEVER *OFF* THAT. WHAT IN TARNATION HAVE I BEEN HELPING YOU WITH ALL NIGHT?!
YOU WERE HELPING ME... FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IN A NEW PLACE... THAT'S FUN, RIGHT? HELPING A FRIEND? WE'RE TOTALLY FRIENDS.
PRINCESS CELESTIA DIDN'T SEND YOU HERE TO SAVE US, DID SHE?

WELL, NOT *TECHNICALLY.*

HAVE YOU SAID *ANYTHING* TRUTHFUL TO ME IN THE FEW *HOURS* THAT WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER? BE *HONEST* WITH ME.

WELL, I DID REALLY WANT THAT BUBBLE TEA.

GAH. GOODBYE, YOU... YOU...

WERE YOU GOING TO SAY "HANDSOME LITTLE SCAMP"?

OH MY, IS SHE OKAY?

WELL, HELLOOOOOO.

YOU ARE JUST *ADORABLE.*

UM, EXCUSE ME. I'M VERY BUSY... I NEED TO GET THESE ANIMALS TO SAFETY...

OH! AN ANIMAL LOVER, EH? I MYSELF AM *VERY* INTO THE CUTE, FLUFFY AND PEDIGREED. MEET BUNNY!

OH, SHE SEEMS... NICE.

GROOF

HIM. BUNNY IS A *HIM.*

SORRY. NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, I REALLY NEED TO GET MY FRIENDS INTO THE WOODS TO HIDE. THERE'S A MANIAC ON THE LOOSE.

EEP!

BOOM

GAH!

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE PONY. I WILL PROTECT US.

THANK YOU! OH, IT WOULD BE SO GREAT IF...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

UH, PROTECTING US?

SORRY, BUNNY.

THUNK

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU? HAVE YOU ***NEVER*** HEARD OF THE GOLDEN RULE?! TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED... YOU CAN'T JUST THROW INNOCENT ANIMALS IN HARM'S WAY. ***DO UNTO OTHERS AND ALL THAT.***

"DO UNTO OTTERS"? THAT'S RIDICULOUS. YOU DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH OTTERS WITH YOU TO JUST USE OTTERS. YOU HAVE, MAYBE, THREE OTTERS. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH SQUARE-OTTERAGE TO PROTECT MY FACE, YES, ***BUT...***

BUNNY! BALL-BALL?

YOU'RE A MONSTER.

BOW TO ME!

NO, THAT'S THE MONSTER.

WHOA.

LOOK AT HER, SHE'S ALMOST AS PRETTY AS... WELL, ME!

YAP!

HELLOOOOO, GORGEOUS. I SAW YOU FROM ACROSS THE MAYHEM AND I HAD TO ***RUSH*** OVER HERE AND INTRODUCE MYSELF. I'M ***PRINCE*** BLUEBLOOD... OF THE DARTMOOR BLUEBLOODS. I AM HERE TO ***RESCUE*** YOU FROM THIS MADNESS.

OH... HOW GALANT!

TAKE THIS, DARLING, YOU'RE SHIVERING WITH FRIGHT.

DREAMY SIGH.

TELL ME, DEAREST, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? MOVE A MOUNTAIN? PLUCK THE STARS FROM THE SKY?

OH BLUEBLOOD! SUCH LOVELY WORDS...

ACTUALLY, YOU CAN BE MY OWN PERSONAL WHITE KNIGHT. I PULLED OUT THIS SPECIAL CLOTH I WOVE THAT REPELS MOST MAGIC. I'M HOPING IF I CAN GET A PEGASUS TO FLY UP AND WRAP IT AROUND HER, THEY CAN CONTAIN HER! THAT NIGHTMARE MOON MONSTROSITY MUST BE DEFEATED... WE NEED TO FIGHT BACK AND SAVE PONYVILLE!

YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN ON THAT PROBLEM FOR, LIKE, AN HOUR PLUS AND IT HAS JUST NOT BEEN WORKING OUT FOR ME.

BUT YOU KNOW, PRINCESS CELESTIA GAVE ME ***ANOTHER*** TASK. MAKE A FRIEND?

BUT... NIGHTMARE MOON?

AH, SWEETS! DON'T MIND IF I DO...

NO NEED. LOOKS LIKE SOME COLORFUL PEGASUS IS COMING IN FOR THE RESCUE. I'M SURE THEY'LL BE FINE.

RAINBOW DASH! WELL, IF YOU'RE STAYING HERE, ***FINE***. I'M HEADED OUT TO HELP HER!

WAIT!

YOU'RE COMING? WONDERFUL! LET'S GO.

NO, NO. WHOA. NO. IT'S JUST, I WANT MY SCARF BACK.

SPUTTER!

AH, THAT'S BETTER.

YOU SAID THAT'S MAGIC REPELLING? THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA. I'M GOING TO NEED TO BORROW IT.

OH, ***NOW*** YOU'RE GOING TO HELP, MR. TAKE-BACKSIES?

THANK YOU, DARLING!
YOU'RE AWFUL.
AWFUL... LY SMART. PFFT.
YOU THERE! WE NEEDS EYES ON THE GROUND TO GUIDE US!
YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO COME RIGHT OUT AND SAY I DON'T THINK I'M A GREAT PICK FOR THAT.
YOU'RE THE ONLY PONY DOWN THERE NOT COWERING IN A CORNER. ***HELP US***. TELL US WHERE OUR GAPS IN THE WIND SPHERE ARE. WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND CONTAIN HER!
WELL, I GUESS I CAN DELEGATE. IT'S MINIMAL EFFORT ON MY PART ***AND*** I CAN TELL CELESTIA I HELPED...
YOU ARE TRYING TO TRAP ME WITH THE MERE FORCE OF ***WIND***? PATHETIC.
IF IT'S SO PATHETIC, WHY IS IT ***WORKING***?
THAT'S IT... YOU THERE, PINK ONE. FLY UP A BIT. GREEN GUY, LITTLE TO THE LEFT. BLUE ONE, A BIT FASTER. ***GOOD***. VERY NICE!

YOU CAN'T KEEP UP THIS PACE FOREVER, MORTALS.

ALRIGHT, THE ONE WITH THE CANDY CUTIE MARK? PULL BACK A SMIDGE, YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO THE STARRY PSYCHOPATH.

THANKS, FRIEND!

FRIEND?

BUNNY. A FRIEND! WE DID SOMETHING THE PRINCESS ASKED FOR! SHE CAN'T BE MAD ABOUT ALL THIS IF WE DID ONE OF THE THINGS SHE WANTED, RIGHT?

RAINBOW ONE! YOU! COME DOWN THIS INSTANT! IT'S URGENT.

GOT IT!

WHAT IS IT? ARE WE LOPSIDED? DO I NEED TO FIND MORE FLYERS?

OH, NOTHING SO DIRE. I'M JUST GOING TO NEED YOU TO SIGN THIS PAPER STATING THAT YOU ARE, INDEED, MY FRIEND. IF YOU COULD ***ALSO*** FIND A NOTARY? DO YOU HAVE ONE UP THERE? COULD YOU CALL THEM DOWN?

IF I DON'T NOTARIZE IT, CELESTIA IS GOING TO THINK I'M LYING... WHICH I NORMALLY AM, BUT NOT ***THIS*** TIME. I'M COVERING MY BASES.

RAINBOW DASH! WITHOUT YOU WE CAN'T... HOLD... HER!

HELP!

THE TIME FOR GAMES IS ***DONE***, TIME FOR YOU TO EMBRACE THE DARKNESS... FOR ***ETERNITY***. ***MWA HA HA!***

OH NO! YOU... IDIOT! YOU MADE ME ***ABANDON*** MY FRIENDS FOR ***THIS?***

WHOOSH

YEAH, YOU STILL HAVEN'T SIGNED IT.

COME, NEW SUBJECTS. IT IS TIME TO GAZE UPON YOUR PRINCESS.

NO. IF I AM ABOUT TO HAVE MY LIFE DESTROYED BY A LUNATIC I AM NOT SPENDING ONE MORE SECOND WITH THAT BRAT.

OH, COME ON NOW, APPLE... PONY. YOU'VE ONLY KNOWN ME A FEW HOURS!

THAT WAS ENOUGH.

MORE THAN ENOUGH, REALLY.

GAZE UP AT MY GLORIOUS STARS. WHO WANTS TO BE THE FIRST TO TELL ME HOW LOVELY THEY ARE?

OH! SHINY CRAZY LADY OVER HERE! PICK ME!

HEY, HOW DO YOU ORGANIZE A PARTY IN SPACE? HUH?

HUH?

YOU PLANET. GET IT?

THAT WAS A TERRIBLE JOKE. ALL THE ASTRONOMY-BASED HUMOR SHE COULD GO WITH AND THAT'S WHAT SHE PICKS? CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS PONY?

HEY... DID YOU JUST... BREAK THE FOURTH WALL? YOU CAN'T DO THAT, THAT IS MY BIT, BUSTER.

OH, DON'T BE A PARTY POOPER.

DID YOU JUST CALL *ME*... A PARTY POOPER?

UM.

CAN WE GET BACK TO THE TASK AT *HAND* OF ENJOYING MY TAKEOVER OF YOUR LIVES. THIS IS REALLY... JUST... NOT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO GET DISTRACTED.

STICK A CAKE IN IT.

LISTEN, YOU. I WAS TRYING TO BREAK THE TENSION WITH *LAUGHTER. LAUGHING* IN THE FACE OF DANGEROUS, SCARY THINGS IS AN *IMPORTANT* PART OF HOW I *COPE* WITH DANGEROUS, SCARY THINGS.

WELL, THAT JUST SEEMS SILLY.

OF COURSE IT'S SILLY, I'M PINKIE PIE.

YOU KNOW, EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN IS VERY RUDE.

ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME?

SAYS THE STALLION WEARING THE FABRIC HE LITERALLY STOLE FROM ME.

BORROWED. I SPECIFICALLY SAID "BORROW" WHEN I TOOK IT.

YOU ARE MORE OF A NIGHTMARE THAN *SHE* IS.

YEAH.

WAIT, WHAT?

YOU WEREN'T HONEST WITH ME AND YOU WASTED MY TIME!

BONDING. WE WERE BONDING.

YOU'RE UNKIND... AND HURTFUL... AND DO YOU EVEN ***KNOW*** WHERE YOUR DOG IS RIGHT NOW?

NO. I'M SURE HE'S FINE.

YOU'RE GREEDY AND VERY, VERY UN-PRINCE LIKE. THAT PART OF YOUR NAME IS A BLATANT MISNOMER.

...AND THAT FABRIC MAKES YOU LOOK ***PASTY***.

GASP!

YOUR INDIFFERENCE TO WHAT I WAS ***TRYING*** TO DO COST US WINNING THIS FIGHT!

YOU WERE NOT WINNING.

YOU KNOW, THIS IS ALL STARTING TO FEEL LIKE AN ATTACK ON ME.

WHY ARE YOU EVEN ***HERE***, BLUEBLOOD?

WELL, CELESTIA SENT ME TO OVERSEE THE SUMMER SUN CELEBRATION WHICH, MISS QUEEN OF DARKNESS, WOULD HAVE BEEN A MUCH MORE DRAMATIC TIMELINE TO DO ALL THIS WORLD TAKEOVER STUFF. NOT THAT I'M TRYING TO ENCROACH, I'M JUST SAYING THAT YOU PEAKED EARLY.

I... I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNEXPECTED IF I DIDN'T FOLLOW THE PROPHECY?

UNEXPECTED? PFFT. TRY ***BORING***. NO FLASH AT ALL.

YOU ARE A VERY UNPLEASANT PONY.

OH, DON'T YOU EVEN ***START***, YOU'RE JUST AS BAD AS HE IS.

ME? NO... I AM JUST TRYING TO SHOW YOU THE BEAUTY OF MY WONDERFUL NIGHT. IT NEEDS TO BE APPRECIATED... AND I'M A PRINCESS. I DESERVE RESPECT!

WELL, I'M A PRINCE AND I HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE US ANOTHER SHOT. WHAT DO YOU SAY, DARLING? WANT ME TO SHOW YOU THE BEAUTY OF MY WONDERFUL SELF?

WHAT?

NO...

LIAR, INCONSIDERATE, GREEDY, UNKIND.

HMPH.

LIAR, INCONSIDERATE, GREEDY, UNKIND.

IT'S NOT VERY PRINCESS-LIKE, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

NO, I CAN'T BE LIKE HIM, I JUST WANTED EVERYPONY TO ENJOY THE NIGHT. IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL, I MADE IT JUST FOR YOU!

WHERE DID I GO SO WRONG?

IT'S ALRIGHT, YOU CAN CHANGE! AND WE ALL LIKE YOUR NIGHTS PLENTY.

I PERSONALLY DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE NIGHT SKY ALL THE TIME. YOUR STARS ARE LIKE DIAMONDS, DEAR.

AND A PARTY AT NIGHT WITH LOTS OF TWINKLE LIGHTS? BEST SETTING EVER.

REALLY? YOU KNOW, I THINK I NEED TO TALK TO MY SISTER. I SAID SO MANY TERRIBLE THINGS, DO YOU THINK SHE COULD FORGIVE M...

BUNNY!

ARE WE DONE? I'M VERY BORED.

I WILL BE YOUR LOYAL FRIEND FOREVER IF YOU WILL JUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM.

GLADLY.

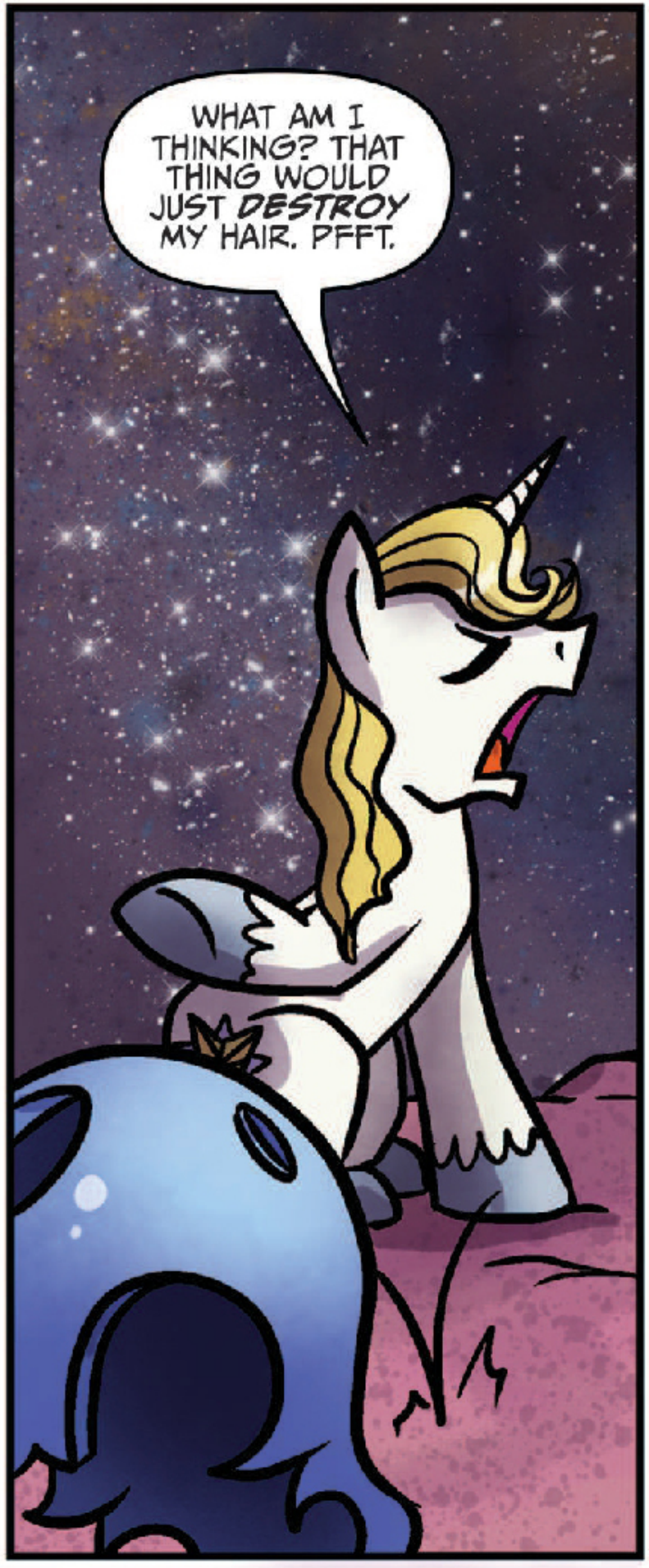
WHAP

YAP!

BUNNY. HOLD ON TO ME!

WELL, THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR.

OH, SHINY.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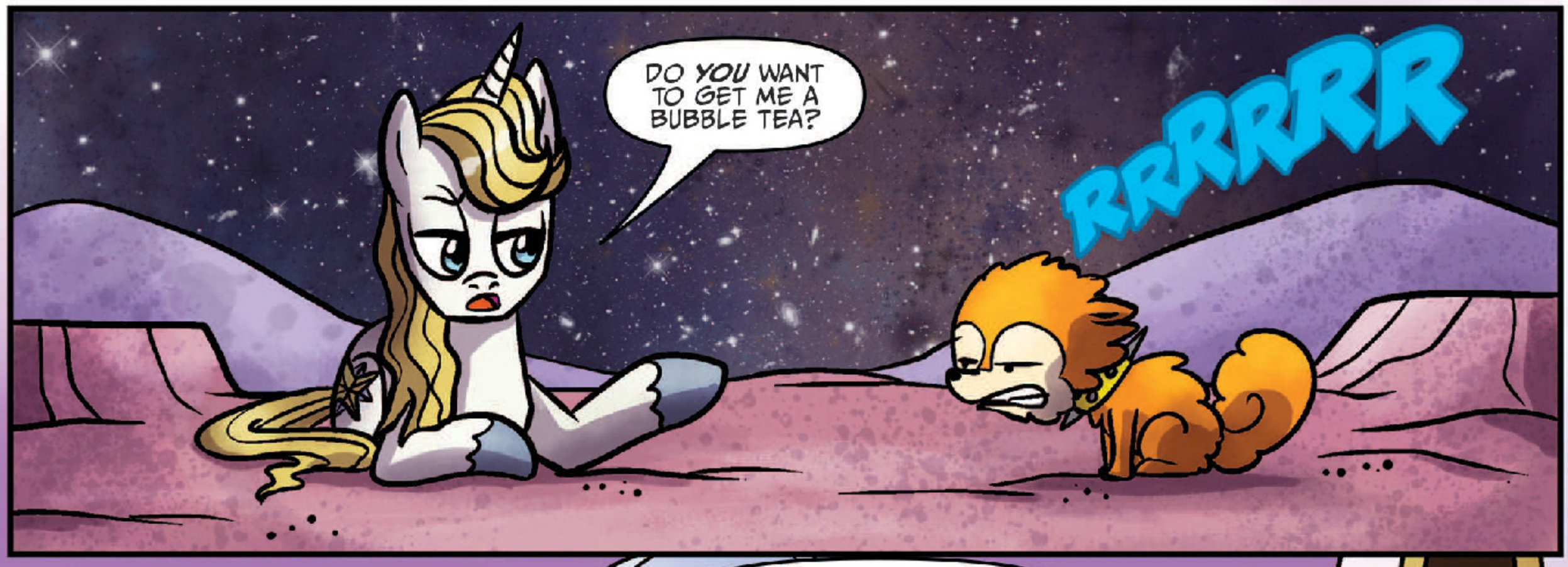
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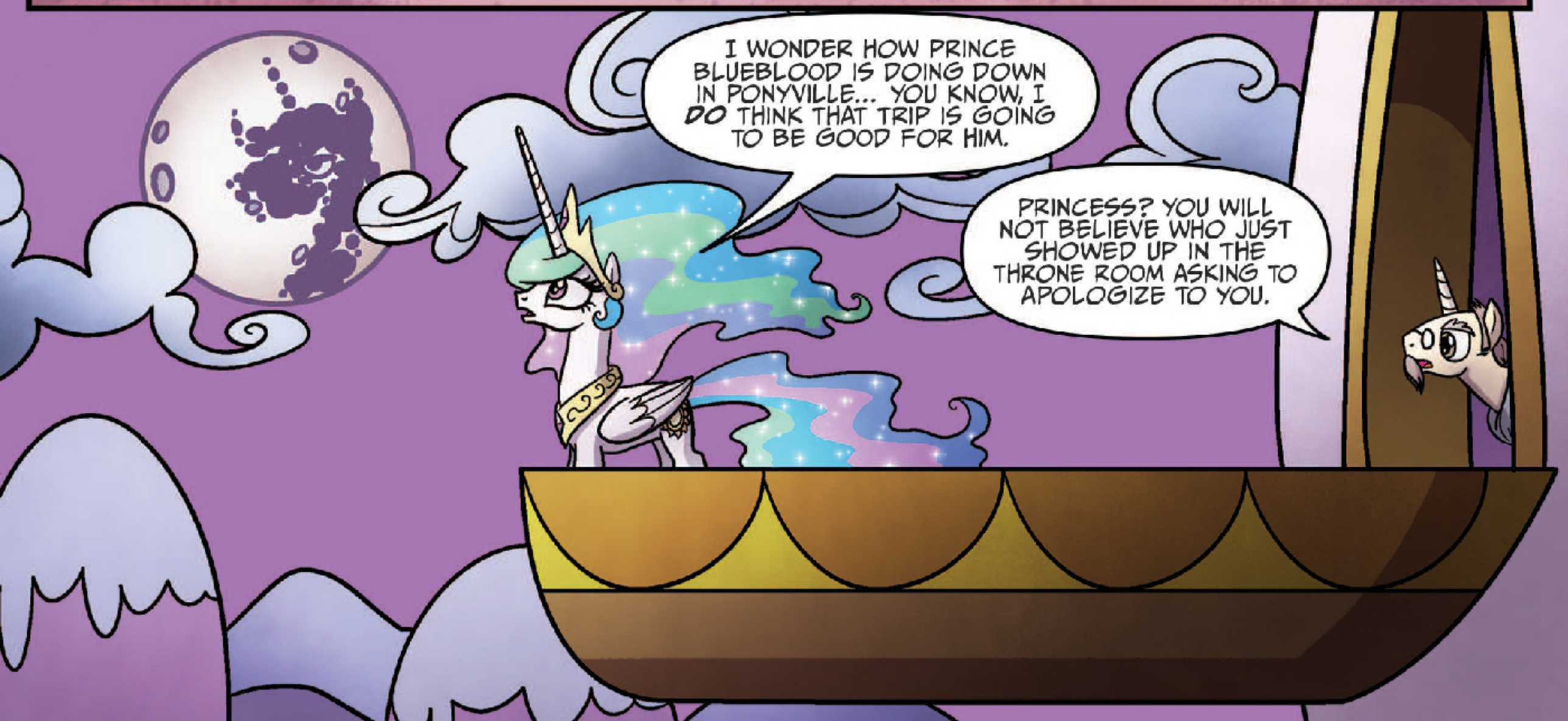
I WONDER HOW PRINCE BLUEBLOOD IS DOING DOWN IN PONYVILLE... YOU KNOW, I DO THINK THAT TRIP IS GOING TO BE GOOD FOR HIM.
PRINCESS? YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE WHO JUST SHOWED UP IN THE THRONE ROOM ASKING TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

LATER...

GAH! I'M SO BORED!

I MEAN, THERE IS NOTHING HERE. STUPID MOON.

WAIT... NOTHING HERE. NO *ONE* HERE. NO ONE BOSSING ME AROUND... I'M... I'M IN CHARGE.

BUNNY! WE COULD TURN THIS VAST NOTHING INTO A UTOPIA!

WELL, YOU CAN TURN IT INTO ONE. NOW BE A GOOD BOY AND BUILD ME A BUBBLE TEA STAND.

NOW A "QUILLS & SOFAS" OUTLET.

BUBBLE TEA

NOW A CASTLE.

...WE'LL NEED A COFFEE SHOP.

CAN YOU RECREATE THAT ASCOT BOUTIQUE I LIKE?

OH, WE'LL ***SO*** NEED ANOTHER BUBBLE TEA STAND SO IF ONE IS BUSY, WE CAN GO TO THE OTHER ONE.

GASTROPUB?

A HOOFICURE SALON?

ELEGANT GAZEBO?

RODEO DRIVE

NOW, SHALL WE TAKE A PROMENADE? BE A PEACH AND BUILD SOME SIDEWALKS.

COFFE

ACUPUNCTURE

WHAT?!

HELP

NOW TO ADDRESS MY SUBJECTS!

DID YOU BUILD ME SOME SUBJECTS?

A LECTERN?

?

LOYAL ADORERS!

WE'RE HERE TODAY FOR ME TO TELL YOU THAT I *DO* KNOW ABOUT FRIENDSHIP.

YAP!

EMPEROR BLUE BLOOD

REALLY... EVERYPONY ELSE IS A FRIENDSHIP DISASTER.

EVERYPONY IS IMPRESSED BY ME... LIKE, ALL THE TIME.

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WHY I CHOSE THIS MOMENT TO DEVIATE

I've been writing for the My Little Pony franchise for a long time. As such, I've been entrusted with some beloved characters and I have always tried to write stories that keep everypony true to themselves and have everypony learn a little something along the way.

Not this time. I was given a golden opportunity to write WHATEVER I WANTED. Do you know how crazy that is when you work with licensed characters? To be given a blank, silver platter and then told to fill it with "anything"?! So that's what I've done... I wrote the story no one asked for. I took a character that is beloved to no one (seriously, don't even pretend he was ever your favorite) and made him the focus... and the result is actually one of my favorite MLP scripts I've ever turned in. Know that I started this script thinking Prince Blueblood would be redeemed in the end and, after starting, I realized that there was just no saving his character. He's just too... tooooo... uniquely him.

I know somewhere out there, someone was hoping this was going to be a story about how Pinkie Pie grew up to be an accountant or how Big Mac bucked tradition and became a pear farmer... Sorry. Wait, not sorry. I apologize for nothing. Prince Bluebood is best worst pony.

XOXO

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PANEL 1

BLUEBLOOD PUTS HIMSELF IN FRONT OF FLUTTERSHY AND THE ANIMALS IN A HEROIC POSE, BUNNY STILL IN HIS HOOVES. ANOTHER BURST OF MAGIC WHIZZES PAST THEM.

1 BLUEBLOOD: DON'T WORRY, LITTLE PONY. I WILL PROTECT US.

2 FLUTTERSHY: THANK YOU! OH, IT WOULD BE SO GREAT IF..

PANEL 2

BLUEBLOOD USES HIS MAGIC TO PICK UP ALL THE ANIMALS BEHIND FLUTTERSHY.

PANEL 3

BLUEBLOOD FORMS ALL OF THE ANIMALS INTO A SHIELD IN FRONT OF HIM AND FLUTTERSHY.

3 FLUTTERSHY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
4 BLUEBLOOD: UH, PROTECTING US?

PANEL 4

THERE IS A GAP IN THE SHIELD AND BLUEBLOOD SHOVES BUNNY INTO IT AS MAGIC CONTINUES TO FLASH AROUND THEM.
FLUTTERSHY LOOKS READY TO FAINT.

5 BLUEBLOOD: SORRY, BUNNY.
6 SFX: THUNK

PANEL 5

FLUTTERSHY GRABBING BLUEBLOOD. WITHOUT HIS CONCENTRATION ON HIS MAGIC, THE WALL OF ANIMALS COMES TUMBLING DOWN.

7 FLUTTERSHY: WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU? HAVE YOU NEVER HEARD OF THE GOLDEN RULE?! TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED... YOU CAN'T JUST THROW INNOCENT ANIMALS IN HARM'S WAY. DO UNTO OTHERS AND ALL THAT.
8 BLUEBLOOD: ..."DO UNTO OTTERS"? THAT'S RIDICULOUS. YOU DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH OTTERS WITH YOU TO JUST USE OTTERS. YOU HAVE, MAYBE, THREE OTTERS. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH SQUARE-OTTERAGE TO PROTECT MY FACE, YES, BUT...

PANEL 6

BLUEBLOOD BRUSHES OFF BUNNY, WHO LOOKS PISSED. BLUEBLOOD IS HOLDING UP A SHINY BALL TO TRY AND WIN HIS FAVOR BACK. FLUTTERSHY IS BACKING AWAY, CLUTCHING ALL HER ANIMAL FRIENDS.

9 BLUEBLOOD: BUNNY! BALL-BALL?
10 FLUTTERSHY: YOU'RE A MONSTER.

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